



COMMANDING OFFICER'S SAFETY POLICY

**On duty ground and aviation mishaps are 100% preventable.
Off duty mishaps are almost 100% preventable. Our goal is
ZERO!**

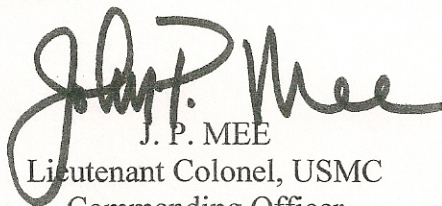


I have always believed that safety is a by-product of professionalism and is an integral part of accomplishing the mission. Inserting Marines or supplies into an LZ, but not returning the aircraft for follow-on tasking is mission failure. Likewise, getting hurt off duty either by negligence or accident, reduces the combat capability and mission readiness of the Squadron. I expect all Flying Tigers to adhere to the following Safety guidance both on and off duty.

Quality maintenance is the standard. Complete each task **by the book** and the right way the first time. Do not take shortcuts. Do not cut corners. Pay attention to what you are doing. Without proper maintenance, we don't fly and we don't accomplish our mission. We are the most **professional aircrew** in the world. Aircrew will adhere to the strictest flight discipline in the aircraft, during preparation for each flight, and in their knowledge of aircraft systems and procedures.

Use sound risk management principles and **incorporate ORM** in your activities both on and off duty. Look out for your fellow Marines and Sailors. They may not be aware that there is a hazard nearby. Use proper **PPE** and the right tools for the job at hand. **Everyone is responsible** for his or her own actions. Be a Marine who sets the example. **Never walk past an unsafe situation or unsafe act. Take action and correct it on the spot.** This means even junior Marines are expected to speak up when they see an individual who may be of a higher rank doing something unsafe or potentially unsafe.

We are the World Famous Flying Tigers, and we take care of each other. The Squadron needs every one of you to come to work in a full duty status. If you were not needed, you wouldn't be here. The concept here is **teamwork**. It's not about you or me, but **us**. What I can accomplish is insignificant, but what we working safely and efficiently together can accomplish is **limitless**.


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